Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposals for construction of pilgrim sheds and public conveniences at Vishramsthali at Ajmer. The State Government has been asked to submit specific proposals for improvement/ renovation of Brahma Ghat and Savitri Ghat at Puskar.

Development of Tourism in Karnataka

48. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka has been totally neglected in respect of tourism although it is rich in history, culture and splendour on the one hand and equally rich in scenic beauty including many other tourist attractions; and

(b) what is the total amount spent in different parts of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, State-wise, on development of tourism highlighting the imbalances if any?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Central Department of Tourism does not allocate funds State-wise. However Central financial assistance is extended to State Governments on specific projects based on their merits, availability of funds and *interse* priorities. Total amount released for the Seventh Five Year Plan projects/schemes is Rs. 4800.23 lakhs. A statement indicating State-wise releases is given in the Statement.

Statement

Central financial assistance released by the Central Department of Tourism during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period to various States and Union Territories

Sl. No.	State	Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	230.61
2	Arunachal Pradesh	28.00
3	Assam	64.58
4	Bihar	49.00
5	Goa	36.99
6	Gujarat	178.23
7	Haryana	364.04
8	Himachal Pradesh	126.56
9	Jammu & Kashmir	309.50
10	Karnataka	151.74
11	Kerala	749.80
12	Madhya Pradesh	185.30
13	Maharashtra	85.59
14	Manipur	61.25
15	Meghalaya	97.70
16	Mizoram	73.00
17	Nagaland	110.00
18	Orissa	137.92
19	Punjab	103.93
20	Rajasthan	145.92
21	Sikkim	90.21
22	Tamil Nadu	329.01
23	Tripura	77.43
24	Uttar Pradesh	448.20
25	West Bengal	287.69
	TOTAL:	4524.10
	UNION TERRITORIES	
26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	162.94
27	Delhi	3.50
28	Lakshadweep	71.86
29	Pondicherry	37.83
	TOTAL:	276.13
	GRAND TOTAL:	4800.23

International Air Cargo Flights from Bangalore

49. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Mysore Sales International Limited, a Government of Karnataka enterprise, is handling Air Cargo complex in Bangalore, which is fully overbooked and is unable to tranship cargo due to inadequate availability of cargo flights;

(b) whether Air India operates any international Air cargo flights from Bangalore and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government will ensure that Air India and other airlines including Indian Airlines would adequately cover Bangalore to ensure increased forex earnings and also for generation of employment?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c): Air India already operates direct freighter flights from Bangalore. In addition, Indian Airlines, Lufthansa, kuwait airways etc. are also uplifting cargo from Bangalore. For cargo operations an open sky policy is followed which enable operators to mount services according to demand.

विदेशी पर्यटकों द्वारा यात्रा

50. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह**: क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत वर्ष कितने विदेशी पर्यटक हमारे देश में आए और उनमें से कितनों ने राजस्थान की यात्रा की;

(ख) इसके परिणामस्वरूप राष्ट्र को कितनी विदेशी पूंजी प्राप्त हुई;

(ग) विदेशी पर्यटकों को विभिन्न राज्यों की यात्रा करने के लिए आकर्षित करने की राज्यवार योजनाएं क्या है; और

(घ) क्या आंतरित पर्यटकों को पर्यटन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने की कुछ योजनाएं है, यदि हां, तो योजनाओं का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया): (क) वर्ष 1991 के दौरान जिन विदेशी पर्यटकों ने भारत की यात्रा की उनकी संख्या 16,77,508 थी, जिनमें से राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार 4,94,150 विदेशी पर्यटकों ने राजस्थान की यात्रा की।

(ख) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान पर्यटन से हुई विदेशी मुद्रा आय का अनुमान 3.318 करोड़ रुपए लगाया गया है।

(ग) और (घ) पर्यटन संबंधी आधारभूत सुविधाओं का विकास करना मुख्यता राज्य सरकारों की जिम्मेवारी है और केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा वित्तीय सहायता राज्य सरकारों से प्राप्त विशिष्ट प्रस्तावों पर धन की उपलब्धता, परस्पर [illegible] प्राथमिकताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए दी जाती है। केन्द्रीय सरकार ने स्वदेशी और विदेशी दोनों प्रकार के पर्यटकों के लिए आधारभूत सुविधाओं के विकास के लिए इक्विटी सहायता देने के लिए हाल ही में एक स्कीम तैयार की है। इसके अतिरिक्त विदेशी मार्केटों में प्रचार अभियान प्रारम्भ किए गए हैं ताकि विदेशी पर्यटकों को देश में आकृष्ट किया जा सके।

Timber Trail Ropeway Accident at Parwanoo

51. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the Timber Ropeway accident at Parwanoo;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to avoid any possible mishaps in future by improving the ropeway system wherever it exists in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c): The Government of Himachal Pradesh has instituted an inquiry into the matter. The report is still awaited.

Purchase of 12 Airbus A-320 by Indian Airlines

52. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines propose to acquire 12 Airbus A-320 and for that purpose it is negotiating for a huge loan from a consortium of European and U.S. banks; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b): Indian Airlines is in the process of acquiring twelve Airbus A-320 aircraft for which it is currently negotiating a loan with a consortium of European Banks to finance the project.